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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

G. H. Westby, president of Seismograph Service Corp., Tulsa, Okla., and onetime teacher at Montana State University, will lecture on "Geophysics and Stratigraphic Problems" on Friday at 8 p. m. in room 107 of Science Hall on the University campus. The public is cordially invited, according to Dr. Fred S. Honkala, chairman of the MSU Geology Dept.

Westby is the first of eight earth scientists sponsored in lecture tours this season by the Distinguished Lecture Committee of the American Assn. of Petroleum Geologists. He will speak before 45 geological societies and university groups in the next two months. His lecture at MSU is under the local sponsorship of the Geology Dept.

Westby is a leader in the oil industry's research on methods of exploration for oil in stratigraphic traps, according to Dr. Honkala. Conventional methods of exploration have little success in finding stratigraphic traps, he pointed out. Westby's lecture will report on methods and techniques which have been developed by the industry to help solve this exploratory problem. Dr. Honkala said it will be of special interest to those in the petroleum industry and should also be of interest to the general public because it is expected that this country will be dependent upon stratigraphic traps for most of its oil and gas in the future.

The lecturer is a graduate of the University of Chicago, with a major in geology, and he has done graduate work at Stanford University. He taught physiography and geography at MSU during the summer of 1920. He was resident geologist in Algeria for four years for S. Pierson & Son of London, England, and later he was chief geophysicist for Empire Oil and Refining Co. (now Cities Service).

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Westby joined Seismograph Service Corp. in 1933 and was elected president of the company in 1935. He is also chief executive officer of 12 subsidiary companies. The parent company and its subsidiaries have worked in 52 countries.

He is one of the organizers of the Society of Exploration Geophysicists and has served as an officer of the organization at four different times. He has lectured extensively and written many technical articles. He is a member of a number of professional societies and a member of the advisory council and board of trustees of the University of Tulsa. In 1950 he was cited by the Alumni Assn. of the University of Chicago for his leadership in civic affairs.

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